

# HOUSE BILL No. 4423

March 28, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Lower, VerHeulen, Webber, Glenn, Wentworth, Crawford, Hoitenga, Graves, Sheppard, Frederick, Kahle, Chirkun, Hauck, Sabo, Green, Albert, Howell, Lucido, Runestad, LaFave, Rendon, Marino, Hughes, Bellino, Sneller and Faris and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to create the sheriff patrol assistance for financially distressed communities program act; to describe the sheriff patrol assistance for financially distressed communities program; and to provide for certain grants.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "sheriff patrol assistance for financially distressed communities  
3 program act".

4           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

5           (a) "County" means a county in this state that has had a total  
6 force reduction of not less than 5 sheriff's deputies between 2007  
7 and 2017 as a result of financial constraints.

8           (b) "Department" means the department of treasury.

9           (c) "Full-time sheriff's deputy" means a law enforcement  
10 officer licensed under the Michigan commission on law enforcement

1 standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615, who is employed  
2 by a county sheriff department as a law enforcement officer.

3 (d) "Program" means the sheriff patrol assistance for  
4 financially distressed communities program created in section 5.

5 (e) "Uniform services" means the regular duties performed by a  
6 law enforcement officer, including, but not limited to, road  
7 patrol, crime investigation, crime prevention, and keeping the  
8 peace.

9 Sec. 5. (1) Subject to appropriation, the sheriff patrol  
10 assistance for financially distressed communities program is  
11 created within the department. The department shall administer  
12 grants from the program to counties. The grants provided to  
13 counties under this section must be used to fund no more than 4  
14 full-time sheriff's deputy positions in the county's sheriff  
15 department. Grants awarded under the program created under this  
16 section are in addition to, and not in replacement of, any other  
17 state funding received by a county sheriff department.

18 (2) To receive a grant under this section, a county shall  
19 apply to the department in the form and manner prescribed by the  
20 department. As part of its application under this subsection, a  
21 county shall provide the department documentation supporting its  
22 eligibility. The department shall publish on its website the  
23 acceptable types of documentation a county must submit with its  
24 application. The department shall approve the application of a  
25 county that meets the eligibility requirements under this  
26 subsection and that has agreed to enter a shared service agreement  
27 to provide uniform services through the county's sheriff department

1 to cities, villages, and townships within the county with an  
2 agreed-upon reimbursement rate for those uniform services.

3 (3) If the department approves a county's application under  
4 subsection (2), the department shall provide grant payments to the  
5 county to fund not more than 4 full-time sheriff's deputies at the  
6 reimbursement rate agreed upon under subsection (2).

7 (4) Grant fund payments under this section must be paid on a  
8 monthly schedule under an agreement between the county and the  
9 department.

10 (5) Grant funding provided to a county under subsection (3) is  
11 for a period of 3 years. A county may reapply for grant funding as  
12 provided in this section after 3 years have elapsed from the date  
13 the county was last provided grant funding under this act.

14 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the  
15 date it is enacted into law.